

DEFAULT SERVICE

DEFINITIONS

"Competitive Supplier" shall mean any entity licensed by the MDTE to sell electricity to retail Customers in Massachusetts, with the following exceptions: (1) a Distribution Company providing Standard Offer Service and Default Service to its distribution Customers, and (2) a municipal light department that is acting as a Distribution Company.

"Customer" shall mean any person, partnership, corporation, or any other entity, whether public or private, who obtains Distribution Service at a Customer Delivery Point and who is a Customer of record of the Company.

"Customer Delivery Point" shall mean the Company's meter or a point designated by the Company located on the Customer's premises.

"Default Service" shall mean the service provided by the Distribution Company to a Customer who is not receiving either Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier or Standard Offer Service, in accordance with the provisions set forth in this tariff.

"Distribution Company" or "Company" shall mean Commonwealth Electric Company.

"Distribution Service" shall mean the delivery of electricity to Customers by the Distribution Company.

"Generation Service" shall mean the sale of electricity, including ancillary services such as the provision of reserves, to a Customer by a Competitive Supplier.

"MDTE" shall mean the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

"Retail Access Date" shall mean March 1, 1998.

"Standard Offer Service" shall mean the service provided by the Distribution Company to a Customer who is not receiving either Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier or Default Service, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Company's Standard Offer Service tariff, on file with the MDTE.

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AVAILABILITY

Default Generation Service ("Default Service") shall be available to any Customer who is not receiving Standard Offer Service and who, for any reason, is not receiving Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier. Service under this rate to any Customer is subject to both the Company's printed requirements and the Company's Terms and Conditions - Distribution Service, each as in effect from time to time.

APPLICABILITY:

Electricity delivered under this Rate Schedule shall be used solely by the Customer on the Customer's own premises for all purposes.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Electric service delivered hereunder shall be single or three phase, alternating current, at a nominal frequency of sixty hertz, and at a locally available primary or secondary distribution voltage.

INITIATION OF DEFAULT SERVICE

Default Service may be initiated in any of the following manners:

- A. A Customer who is receiving Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier notifies the Distribution Company that he wishes to terminate such service and receive Default Service. In this instance, Default Service shall be initiated within two (2) business of such notification for residential Customers. For other Customers, Default Service shall be initiated concurrent with the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, provided that the Customer has provided such notification to the Company two (2) or more business days before the next scheduled meter read date, in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers. If the Customer provided such notification fewer than two (2) days before the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, Default Service shall be initiated concurrent with the Customer's subsequent scheduled meter read date;
- B. A Competitive Supplier notifies the Distribution Company that it shall terminate Generation Service to a Customer. In this instance, Default Service shall be initiated for the Customer concurrent with the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, provided that the notice of termination of Generation Service is received by the Company two (2) or more business days before the next scheduled meter read date, in accordance with the Company's Terms and

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INITIATION OF DEFAULT SERVICE (continued)

Conditions for Competitive Suppliers. If the notice of termination is received fewer than two (2) days before the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, Default Service shall be initiated concurrent with the Customer's subsequent scheduled meter read date;

- C. A Competitive Supplier ceases to provide Generation Service to a Customer, without notification to the Distribution Company. In this instance, Default Service to the Customer shall be initiated immediately upon the cessation of Generation Service;
- D. A Customer taking Standard Offer Service has not chosen affirmatively a Competitive Supplier at the end of the term of Standard Offer Service.

DEFAULT SERVICE RATES

The rate for Default Service shall be 6.993 cents per kilowatt-hour.

The Company reserves the right to recalculate monthly bills for Customers who are being served under the fixed Default Service rate stated above and who decide to switch to a Competitive Supplier before June 30, 2001. The bill for each month of the period in which the fixed rate was applicable will be recalculated at the following rates (in cents per kilowatt-hour):

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
Residential (Rates R1, R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)	8.469	7.630	6.347	5.757	5.862	7.192
Commercial (Rates G1, G4, G5, G6, G7 & Street Lights)	8.864	7.929	6.475	5.885	6.087	7.555
Industrial (Rates G2 & G3)	8.565	7.705	6.379	5.810	5.980	7.309

This is intended to ensure that all Customers pay the actual cost of supply for the electricity they have used.

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BILLING

Each Customer receiving Default Service shall receive one bill from the Company, reflecting unbundled charges for their electric service.

TERMINATION OF DEFAULT SERVICE

Default Service may be terminated by a Customer concurrent with the Customer's next scheduled meter read date provided that notice of initiation of Generation Service by a Competitive Supplier is received by the Company two (2) or more business days before the next scheduled meter read date, in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers.

If the notice of initiation of Generation Service by the Competitive Supplier is received by the Company fewer than two days before the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, Default Service shall be terminated concurrent with the Customer's subsequent scheduled meter read date.

There shall be no fee for terminating Default Service.

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